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TORRANCE FESTIVAL DAYS
MAY 19 to 28
9 DAYS OF BARGAINS
FREE OLDSMOBILE PARADE BAND
FREE CONCERT
FREE DANCE
TICKETS AT ALL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



UPS AND DOWNS . . . As this quartette of local merchants hoist giant posters heralding the arrival of Festival Days May 19-28, down come prices! A mile-long parade of bands, mounted troops and floats will highlight the event next Saturday. Left to right are: Harry Abramson, National Home Appliance Company; Paul Diamond, The Gay Shop; J. H. Paget, manager of Newberys; and Miss Juanita Mann, of Benson's.

Marble Machines Face Eviction By City Council

Addicts of those indoor exercising devices—pin ball machines, may find next week that the city council has thrown the political switch that will declare 22 machines outlawed!

Those who perform deep-knee bends and conga-line antics while applying body English to the little metal balls to guide them into the "Daily Double" payoff hole, may have to confine their nocturnal exercising to shuffle board and skeeball if the council acts to ban 22 marble machines supposedly operating within the city.

Already glimmering like a Saturday night carnival, the gayly lighted contraptions popped into even more limelight this week in a letter from the Sheriff's anti-vice and narcotics detail. Police Chief John Sihon received an informative communication from Captain C. H. Pearson relaying to the local chief the list of 22 cafes, bars, and similar establishments. The list allegedly was sent to the sheriff's office by the attorney general's office in Sacramento, as being a register of licenses issued by the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The letter hints that the "four-legged bandits" are illegal and that the information was for the chief's help in assisting with the enforcement of state gambling laws.

The chief finds himself in somewhat a predicament.

"First," he wants to know, "are they (the marble machines) games of skill, or amusement or are they gambling devices?"

"Secondly," he asks, "how can I arrest somebody for having one of the machines when they are licensed by the city council?"

These are the questions the city fathers must answer. In their search for an answer they are very likely to turn to City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, who has already opined:

That the mere possession of the machines is not a violation of the state laws. Putting a nickel in the slot is, however, he claims. The legal advisory to the city fathers avers that placing of nickel in the coin slot, "the zards" the operator with the possibility of losing his nickel and receiving nothing in return. Fun or amusement gained from listening to the "think, think, of the free games counter, or watching the Fourth of July-like



SCHOOL DEDICATION . . . Reaching up to cut the ribbon that officially opened the doors of the Halldale avenue School in the Shoestring Strip last Thursday is kindergarten student Barbara Sue Wann. Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Los Angeles City superintendent of schools and Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal, assisted.

300 See Halldale School Dedication

With more than 300 persons watching, Barbara Sue Wann, a kindergarten pupil, cut the ribbon and opened the doors that officially dedicated the new Halldale Elementary School last Thursday morning.

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Los Angeles City Superintendent of Schools spoke during the ceremonies which were sponsored by Shoestring Community association and the Halldale PTA.

Stella Emery, sixth grade student, acted as mistress of ceremonies, during the program which officially marked the completion of the \$206,708 school located at Halldale avenue and 216 street.

Willard Wicker, 66 student and president of the Halldale Elementary School Safety Club spoke to visitors on behalf of the student body.

Following the program during which distinguished guests were presented with gold keys, the guests and patrons were conducted on a tour of the new structure.

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal, introduced many of the distinguished guests which included:

Rev. W. A. Penner, pastor of the Nazarene Church, invocation; Danny Martin, flag salute; Bluebirds, Tania Campfire Girls, and Brownie Troop No. 241C "Debs I and 4," presentation of colors; R. Hood a representative of the office of Mayor Fletcher Brown; George Moore, councilman; Roy T. Becker, Los Angeles Board of Education; Mrs. Myra Nelson, district assistant superintendent



KIWANIS LEADERS . . . H. Park Arnold, governor of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International, enjoys chat with Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the local club which sponsored an inter-club meeting in the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night. Attendance was greater than 450.

EDNA SNELL AGAIN NO. 1 FOR QUEEN

As the seven candidates of the Torrance Queen race moved into the last stretch this week it was Edna Mae Snell out



EDNA MAE SNELL . . . over the mumps and over the humps—she leads in race for Torrance Queen title.

Fete Draws 450 To Honor Leader Of Kiwanians

Hosting more than 450 Kiwanis members and their wives the Torrance Kiwanis Club staged the largest inter-club meeting ever held in Southern California at the Torrance Civic Auditorium Tuesday night.

Fifteen club participated in the affair.

Chief speaker of the evening was C. Norman Abbott, M.D., past governor of the California-Nevada District. He spoke on "Our Debt to the Ladies of Kiwanis."

Heading the list of honored guests and making the first time the local club has been visited by a governor of the California-Nevada District was Governor and Mrs. H. Park Arnold. There are approximately 288 clubs in the district.

Other honored guests which were introduced by Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the local club, were: Past Governor and Mrs. C. Norman Abbott, Lt. Governor and Mrs. Ernest J. Loebbecke, Past Lt. Governor and Mrs. Walter Heineman, Past Lt. Governor and Mrs. A. L. Drew, Past Lt. Governor and Mrs. Logan Cotton, and Past Lt. Governor and Mrs. Ed Jessen.

Entertainment for the program of musical, novelty, and magic acts was provided by the various clubs attending the meeting. Logans Cotton, of the Lomita Club, acted as master of ceremonies.

Singing was led by A. L. Drew accompanied by George Freeman.

Participating clubs and the president of each included:

- Angelus Mesa, Dr. Clarence Beebe; El Segundo, Marvin Johnson; Gardena Valley, George Freeman; Hawthorne, Don M. Smith; Homosa Beach, Carl Arfvedson; Inglewood, Russ Hunter; and Lomita, Harold L. Hall.

"Miracle Mile, Chas. T. Powers; San Pedro, Thurman Porter; So. Los Angeles, Harry Mendelshon; Southwest Los Angeles, Joseph F. Reinhart, Jr.; Torrance, Dr. Howard A. Wood; University (Continued on Page 2)

School Board Turns Down Camping Deal

Camping for sixth grade students is out—at least for another year, it was decided at the Torrance Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

Superintendent of Schools J. Heinrich Hull was instructed by George Thatcher, acting as president of the board in the absence of Dr. Howard A. Wood, to write a letter to the Culver City School District informing them of the local board's action.

The letter stated:

"The Board is unanimously in favor of the camping program and feels that it is sound and very worthwhile. However, the circumstance of this community, the newness of this school district, and the many facilities and services which need to be purchased in order to bring the present program up to the standard where we would like it to have it, have resulted in the decision by the Board to postpone the development of a camping program for the present."

"The Board wishes to express appreciation to you and to the Board of Education of Culver City for presenting this opportunity to Torrance. The Board also expressed the desire, that if the opportunity is open another year, it would appreciate a chance to go into the matter again."

Under the proposal the local board would allocate \$4500 from school operating funds to help defray the expenses of sending all sixth grade pupils (estimated at 300) to camp for one week during the nine months period beginning in September of 1949.

The proposal met with much debate at a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee last Wednesday. After hearing both sides of the matter and viewing color slides of the camping program presented by the Long Beach City School System the council voted 11-9 in favor of adopting the program.

Several members of the board felt that the opportunity of being able to join with the Culver City System and the Paramount District in the operation of Camp Joseph in the Santa Monica mountains, was one that the local district could not afford to miss.

Other expressed opinion indicated that more attention should be given to the study of the "Three R's" and less to frills—at least until the district was a little more stable.

Musical Festival Highlights Dedication of School Field

With more than 400 school children participating, a program has been arranged for tonight to dedicate the Torrance High School bleachers and athletic field and to salute the leaders who created reality out of vision for a "home field" for the local school.

The hour and a half long program of band music, athletic events, and singing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The event will mark the first time that the lights and new 2000-seat bleachers will be used by the public. A new all-electric scoreboard, which will be put into service at the beginning of football season next fall, also will be dedicated.

Among those who will be introduced by George Thatcher, vice-president of the Board of Education, as persons who were instrumental in the planning and construction of the new facilities are:

- James Lynch, Ray Rogers, Dr. Rollin Smith, Frank Dominguez, M. L. Fenwick, Milton Isbell, A. C. Turner, Leslie Baler, Jack Barrington, John Stroth, Floyd DeVore,

Stadium Theater To Open June 2

Torrance's third theater, the "Stadium," will open June 2, according to Albert Mellinkoff and Harry Milstein, operators.

The ultra-modern movie house located at the corner of Cravenis and Gramercy avenues has been under construction for the past year.

The theater takes its name from the design of the interior which is built in steps resembling an outdoor stadium or arena, the operators declared.

Mellinkoff and Milstein also operate the "Torrance" and "Grand" theaters.

\$25,000 PERMIT ISSUED

Robert W. Shay, 141 North Barrington street, West Los Angeles, last week was granted a permit to construct a six-unit apartment building at 300 Paseo De La Playa, at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Rex Welch Appointed

Acting upon the recommendation of the City Recreation Commission, the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night agreed to the appointment of Rex Welch, high school coach, as director of the School-City sponsored summer recreation program.

Edna Mae Snell	35,870
Julia Menni	30,450
Della Cooper	28,080
Jerry Speck	23,075
Pat Cere	22,150
Bunky Quaglin	10,400
Joyce Frazen	8,670

mumps, the Columbia Steel employee has amassed a total of 35,870 votes.

Proving that nothing will be certain until the last vote is counted was the gain made this week by Julia Menni, formerly in third place, as she captured the number two position.

Della Cooper, last week's top place gal, was edged into third place.

The Junior Woman's Club contest to bolster the Y.W.C.A. (Continued on Page 2)

HUGE PARADE MAY 23 WINDS-UP BAND DRIVE

If you plan to attend the huge parade in Torrance Saturday, May 28, you had better bring your own curb to sit on!

Featuring three famous bands, riding units, drum and bugle corps, and floats, the parade—one of the most spectacular in Torrance history is being staged in connection with the Second Annual Festival Days and as a wind-up to the Torrance Area Youth Band's annual fund-raising campaign.

Marching at the head of the nearly mile long array of marching units will be the boys and girls clad in the familiar yellow and brown uniforms of the junior, intermediate, and senior bands of the local musical group.

Heading the list of other bands in the parade are the Los Angeles Sheriff's Boy's Band, the Huntington Park City Junior



SHOW TROPHIES . . . Barbara Smith, 1737 Manuel avenue and Edna Sandstrom, 2345 246 street pose with 24 trophies, which will be awarded by the Torrance Area Youth Band to units participating in the Youth Band-Festival Days parade this Saturday.—Herald Photo.

ON THE INSIDE

Life begins at forty—or so they say. For Earl Morrell it is only really getting started at 50. Last week he pitched for the National Supply softball team—and won. The game was for the first round championship. For the details see the Sports Page—Page 4.

Torrance seems to be becoming rather crowded. A crowd of 300 attends School Dedication (Page 1). Crowd of 450 attends Kiwanis Banquet (Also Page 1) and crowd of 800 at annual opening of American Legion building (Page 3).

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Group Action Necessary for T-H Protection

Commenting upon the decision rendered this week by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C. dismissing the complaint of the A-1 Photo Service of San Pedro and Torrance charging unfair labor practices against the AFL Retail Clerks Union No. 905 of San Pedro, Attorney John Binkley, who represented the photo concern, in a statement to this newspaper yesterday said:

"That although the NLRB in this decision declined to exercise its jurisdiction, it nevertheless recognized that the business of the A-1 Photo Co. affected commerce within the meaning of the Taft-Hartley Act, although its effect was so insubstantial as to not justify action of the board."

"The only way in which a small employer can hope to secure to himself the protection of the Taft-Hartley Act is through an employers' association where the total business of all employers in the association substantially affects commerce as distinguished from the insubstantial effect produced by a single employer."

The Washington board's unanimous decision actually involved two cases, the San Pedro photo service shop, and a Tucson, Ariz. photo studio. The proceedings of the San Pedro case were used to reject the contentions of General Counsel Robert N. Dear

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